



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 470

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 470 prohibits a person from possessing, controlling, storing, or transporting a live Asian carp or its viable eggs. The bill first applies to Asian carp or their eggs that are acquired on or after the effective date of the legislation.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 makes the bill applicable to invasive fish species rather than to Asian carp. In the substitute amendment, “invasive fish species” are defined as nonnative species of fish that may cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to human health. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is directed to promulgate rules that specify the fish that are invasive fish species.

The substitute amendment prohibits a person from possessing, releasing, controlling, storing, selling, or transporting invasive fish species or the viable eggs of those species. An exception to this prohibition is provided for a person who holds a scientific collector permit or a scientific research license from the DNR, or to a person authorized by the DNR to engage in that conduct for scientific or educational purposes.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended passage of Assembly Bill 470 on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0, on July 27, 2005.

Representative Schneider introduced Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on October 3, 2005. The Assembly adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and passed the bill, as amended, on October 27, 2005.

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